

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Donner Electric Underground Project

**LOCATION:** Donner Memorial State Park - 12593 Donner Pass Road **COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Issue a Right of Entry to Truckee Donner Public Utility District to replace the existing high voltage primary cable system at Donner Memorial State Park. The current cable was installed in the late 1960's which supplies the campground areas and two sewer lift stations with electric service via a radial feed originating at the Truckee Donner Public Utility Districts overhead power line at Donner Pass road. The cable system consists of a direct buried cable, operating at a system voltage of 12.47kV, with bare concentric neutral conductors located on the outside of the cable. Truckee Donner Public Utility District no longer installs cables with bare neutral conductors or uses direct buried cable construction. The existing cable through the park is at the end of its projected 35-40 year life cycle and must be replaced with new cable. The Truckee Donner Public Utilities District will be responsible for complying with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CEQA, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code related to actual project activities. Right of Entry permit will be valid through December 1,2005.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sierra District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5                      Section: 15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitation that will not result in any changes in land use or density, included under "issuance of easements, permits, and temporary use permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15330.4.

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**Hayden Sohm, District Superintendent**

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